IN THE LINITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

In re application of: Confirmation No.: 5410

John E. Schnizlein, et al. Group Art Unit No.: 2131

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ASSIGNING NETWORK ADDRESSES BASED

ON CONNECTION AUTHENTICATION

Via EFS-Web Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed December 12, 2007, the expedited two-month period for which runs until February 12, 2008, please reconsider the subject application in light of the remarks herein.

Claims 1, 3-8, 10, 11, 26-38 are pending in the application.